

WEAKENING OF THE BRITISH LINE

Encircling Movement Attempted by Bavarian Crown Prince Rupprecht Was a Complete Failure

BRITISH LINE NOT ALTERED BY GERMAN DRIVE

German Casualties in Twelve Hours of Attack Are Said to be Greater in Number Than During Any Similar Period of Fighting Since the War Began—American Engineers Who Were Trapped Fought Side by Side With the Britons and Aided in Repelling the Enemy—Austro-Germans Have Not Launched Their Expected Attack on the Northern Front in the Italian Zone—Turks Are Attacking British Positions West of Jerusalem.

The attempt of the Bavarian crown prince Rupprecht by an encircling movement to make the brilliant advance of the British General Byng toward Cambrai has resulted apparently in complete failure. Although at certain points the Germans pierced the British lines and captured positions, men and guns, they paid dearly for their enterprises in the process. Relatively the British line remains as it was before the German drive. Tactically, it is just as strong. The enemy, in great numbers, has endeavored to pierce the front at Maanien, delivering in all ten attacks there, all of which were successfully repulsed. Some of the enemy succeeded by redoubled efforts in penetrating the adjoining village of Les Rues Vertes, but later were driven out in a counter-attack. The sharp salient formed by the occupation of Maanien by the British was an extremely hard one to hold and during Saturday night General Byng, to improve his position, ordered the evacuation of the village which was carried out unhampered by the Germans, who Sunday morning evidently had not learned of the strategic move, as they were continuing to bombard the old position. Later in the afternoon the village had been cleared of British. Near the southern base of the line

REPORT BY WAR COUNCIL OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

Contains the Most Far-Reaching Appeals for Relief in History.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Six months of effort to meet the most far-reaching appeals for relief in history is described in a report to the American Red Cross. It is the council's first semi-official report and it tells how more than forty million dollars of the hundred million dollar war fund contributed by the people has been allotted for expenditure at home and abroad. Demands from Europe are increasing and on the recent basis of expenses, the council estimates that the war fund will not be exhausted until the end of 1918. So far about \$35,000,000 in cash has been paid into the fund by the subscribers. Of \$40,272,657 appropriated by the council \$7,559,000 has been advanced to chapters for the purchase of material and will be expended in the near future. For work abroad \$27,858,816 has been appropriated, \$20,601,240 of the amount going to France, where suffering has been "beyond description." For work outside of France, exclusive of \$750,000 received from the American Red Cross in Italy, the following appropriations have been made: Belgium \$739,001; England \$1,066,520; Italy \$114,000; Russia \$1,359,140; Rumania \$1,515,398; Serbia \$493,203; Armenia and Syria \$1,800,000; others \$123,012.

WOULD TIGHTEN UP ON ENEMY INSURANCE COS.

Letter by Executive Committee of American Defense Society.

New York, Dec. 2.—The executive committee of the American Defense Society made public tonight a letter addressed to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo by Richard M. Hurd, chairman of the board of trustees of the society, calling for still more stringent regulation of enemy and ally of the enemy fire insurance companies. Mr. Hurd asserts that these companies now have in their possession and will continue to receive a large supply of maps, surveys, confidential reports and detailed information regarding military plants, movements of explosives, factories and plans. He suggests that it would be prudent to withdraw this information from the German companies at the earliest possible moment.

INCREASE IN EARNINGS OF NATIONAL BANKS

Amounted to \$36,778,000, or 23 Per Cent. Over the Preceding Year.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Earnings of national banks for the fiscal year ending last June 30 were \$367,466,000, the greatest in their history, and \$76,744,000 or 13 per cent. more than for the previous year. The Federal Reserve Bank made public tonight by Comptroller of the Currency Williams.

New earnings were \$10,315,000, an increase over the preceding year of \$36,778,000 or 23 per cent.

Family of Nine Burned to Death.

Butler, N. J., Dec. 2.—Mrs. M. M. Miller and her seven children are believed to have been burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed the two-story frame house in which they lived on a farm near Butler. The body of one of the children

Cabled Paragraphs

List of Preferred Coal Consumers HAS BEEN PERFECTED BY THE FUEL ADMINISTRATION SENT TO PRODUCERS

The Government Makes First Move Toward Curtailing Non-Essential Industries During the War—Priority is Asked for a Period of Thirty Days—It is Expected Producers Will Comply.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The government's first move toward curtailing non-essential industries during the war was made today when the fuel administration sent to coal producers a preferred list of consumers to serve as a guide in filling orders. The list establishes preferential shipment for government departments, public utilities, steel plants, coke ovens and munitions plants. No direct order issued. Although no direct order was issued requiring operators to give the list preference, a definite request was made and fuel administrators expect to believe it will be followed. The priority is asked for a period of thirty days. The request is designed to give the fuel administrator Garfield tonight, "to insure fulfilling of the requirements of these coal users whose activities are essential to the military and economic efficiency of the nation in the conduct of the war."

MISS H. A. VANEY'S TRIAL BEGINS TODAY

Nurse is Charged With Murder of a Bride at Brookline, Mass.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 2.—Miss Harriet A. Vaneay, a nurse, will go on trial today in the Superior court for the murder of Mrs. Pauline A. Keyes, the bride of George H. Keyes, of Brookline, who was killed in her home. Elements of mystery in the case have attracted wide interest in the town. The victim was a young woman, the bride of a young man, who had been married only a few days. The case is being tried in the Superior court.

VIENNA PAPER ASKS FOR ENGLAND'S PEACE TERMS

Says Austria is Not Affected by Dispositions Between England and Germany.

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—The Vienna Neue Presse writes England to demand that the government of England should not be misled by the propaganda of the press. It considers that such an invitation should be rejected. The paper argues that a war of destruction has already been rejected by the government of England and that it becomes impossible on the day Russia and Germany agree upon peace.

AUSTRIA ACCEPTS BOLSHIEVSKI OFFER OF AN ARMISTICE

Russian Delegates Scheduled to Attend Conference at German Headquarters

London, Dec. 2.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Petrograd says that Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, addressing the Petrograd conference of the Bolsheviks, has accepted the offer of an armistice. He said that the Bolsheviks would attend Sunday's conference at German headquarters but that nevertheless they would not accept the armistice. The paper argues that a war of destruction has already been rejected by the government of England and that it becomes impossible on the day Russia and Germany agree upon peace.

BOSTON TO HAVE RED CROSS THEATRE DAY

December 7 They Will Donate Matinee Receipts to War Work.

Boston, Dec. 2.—This city is preparing to do its part toward making the Red Cross theatre day, December 7, a success. The leading theatres will give special matinee performances and donate the proceeds to the Red Cross. Committees appointed jointly by the Red Cross and the theatres will issue several thousand tickets of varying prices, to be exchanged by purchase for reserved seats in whatever theatre they choose to attend.

FISH FRY TO STOCK LAKES AND PONDS

Several Million Will Be Received by Supt. Crampton Today.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 2.—Word was received today by John M. Crampton, superintendent of Connecticut game preserves, that a consignment of several million fish, including bass, trout and catfish, will be received today at the state fish hatchery in Danbury. The fish were sent from a United States hatchery in Dubuque, Iowa, and will be taken to the Deep River hatchery for future distribution. Bass, perch, pickerel, carp and catfish are included in the fry.

DOCUMENTS FOR USE IN MEANS MURDER TRIAL

Have Been Received by Assistant District Attorney of New York.

Concord, N. C., Dec. 2.—John T. Dooley, assistant district attorney of New York, who is assisting in the trial here for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, received by parcel post today four packages, containing documents which, he said, were to be used by the prosecution. He did not

Thrill Stamps on Sale This Morning

CAMPAIGN IS TO CONTINUE IN OPERATION ONE YEAR TO RAISE \$2,000,000,000

Public Meetings Have Been Planned for the First Few Weeks of the Campaign in Nearly Every Locality—25 Cents Smallest Unit, \$2.40 Largest Certificate.

Washington, Dec. 2.—America's newest plan for raising war funds and encouraging habits of thrift will go into operation early tomorrow morning with the opening of sales of war savings stamps and certificates at post offices and banks. The campaign is to continue for a year in expectation of raising the \$2,000,000,000 maximum authorized.

Expect Children to Invest.

The smallest unit in the war savings plan is the thrill stamp which costs 25 cents. The largest is the war savings certificate, which costs \$2.40 and is redeemable in five years at \$100 at the then full par value. Interest compounded quarterly. Officials in charge of the progressive campaign expect that many millions of persons, including children and families of small means, to invest regularly in the stamp as a means of helping the nation win the war and laying aside money to be returned to them after.

Postoffices Have Big Supplies.

Every postoffice in the country has a big supply of stamps and certificates. The twelve federal reserve banks shipments of stamps and certificates were rushed to the postoffices by the government. Close cooperation will be maintained with a rush tomorrow. By the end of the week arrangements will be made to supply millions of persons with stamps and certificates. Allotments for Each State.

Allotments for each state and the six districts into which the country has been divided for the purpose of the campaign have been made and will be announced tomorrow. Every state director will receive a certain portion of expected sales to each county, city, town or sub-division, on the basis of population. The allotment will be distributed between states or sub-divisions is counted on strongly by those promoting the campaign. An optimistic state directors reported today that they expect to reach their quotas within a few weeks.

Power to Regulate Industry.

Control of coal production and distribution has been placed in the hands of the government. The power to regulate industry than is contained even in the priority of shipping. The government has the power to regulate industry than is contained even in the priority of shipping. The government has the power to regulate industry than is contained even in the priority of shipping.

Public Meetings Planned.

Public meetings have been planned for the first few weeks of the campaign in nearly every locality. Mr. Vandellip will make a tour of the eastern section of the country. Campaign directors are to be named later for Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Anti-British Motion Picture Films.

Seized by the Federal authorities at Los Angeles, Calif. Since the advent of cooler weather, conditions at Camp Mills necessitated the bringing of a hundred soldiers to New York for treatment.

In an address at Jackson, Miss.

Representative Harrison of Mississippi declared himself in favor of a declaration of war against Austria.

Field Marshal Haig of the British.

armies wears the heavy cavalry sabre in preference to the ivory handled sword prescribed for officers of his rank.

Passengers on the Broadway Limited.

arriving in Chicago donated their fund checks for \$1 each—the train was an hour late to the Red Cross.

MRS. DE SAULLES ACQUITTED.

In the Verdict No Reference Was Made to Insanity.

Mineola, N. Y., Dec. 2.—It required but one hour and forty-three minutes for a jury in supreme court here last night to reach a verdict of not guilty in the trial of Mrs. Bianca De Saules for the murder of her husband, John L. De Saules, former Yale football star and clubman, at his home near Westbury, L. I., the night of Aug. 11, 1916.

STREET CAR SERVICE IN ST. PAUL HELD UP

Union Sympathizers Smashed Windows and Otherwise Damaged Cars.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 2.—Street car service in St. Paul was suddenly interrupted last night by a mob of union sympathizers, who smashed windows and otherwise damaged the cars, and forced the motormen and conductors to leave the cars.

OBITUARY.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Jennie A. Peaseley, widow of Andrew A. Peaseley, this city and State Representative James A. Peaseley of Cheshire, died suddenly in Beloit, Ala., at the residence of her son, John A. Peaseley, who was 78 years old and was born in Greenock, Scotland, being brought here as a child to escape from the Irish famine.

CONGRESS CONVENES AT NOON TODAY

President Wilson Will Sound the Keynote of the Legislative Program in His Opening Address Tomorrow

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR LONG SESSION

A Feature of the Opening Day Will be the Receipt of Appropriation Estimates, Aggregating Many Billions of Dollars, for War and Governmental Purposes—The President's Message is Said to be Unusually Long, Dealing With Many Matters of International and Domestic Moment—Unless the President Recommends Further Declarations of War, Little Business is Planned This Week by Congressional Leaders.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Congress reconvenes tomorrow at noon for its second war session. Most of the senate and house members tonight had arrived and all arrangements were complete for what promised to be another epochal and lengthy session. Increased determination of the American people for vigorous prosecution of the war to victory was the message universally brought by the returning members.

Revision of Tax Law.

Many members of congress are awaiting the opportunity to meet revision of the tax law, including those advocating heavier drafts of war profits. Closer scrutiny of war expenditures and appropriations also is promised, both by prominent democratic and republican leaders with the latter prepared to renew their campaign for a congressional committee to supervise such expenditures.

New Treaties to Be Submitted.

Foreign affairs promise to receive much attention. Treaties to be submitted for ratification include the treaty paying \$25,000,000 to Colombia is still pending. Some senators also are privately discussing the question of the appointment of Colonel House and others to the Chinese pact negotiated by Secretary Lansing with Viscount Lu.

President's Address Tomorrow.

The keynote of the legislative program, both in its effect on war and domestic concerns, will be sounded by President Wilson's address tomorrow. The president's first appearance before congress since the historic night meeting of April 2 at the opening of the special session called to provide for a declaration of war against Germany.

Little Business This Week.

Unless the president recommends further declarations of war, little business is planned this week by congressional leaders. A week-end recess probably will be taken to have appropriation committees begin preliminary surveys of the many war supply measures and the session is not expected to get into its stride until after the Christmas holidays.

Revenue Legislation.

Revenue legislation will not be taken up immediately, but a deficiency appropriation bill will be passed in the next few days to care for unexpected war expenditures. The senate committee on finance and the house ways and means committee may meet this week to discuss tentative proposals for new revenue sources.

Transportation Questions.

In fiscal legislation congress is expected to pass a transportation bill. The administration is reported disposed to recommend new bond issues rather than taxes in case of emergency.

Statement by Leader Kitchin.

"There is nothing definite about the revenue program yet," he said. "I have no plan of my own yet except to say I may call the war revenue bill a bill to take over the session to be a prolonged one."

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